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as I understand the law, that these regions, if they want additional money, go through the Department of Public Institutions. We appropriated the request of the Department. I just checked with the staff to find out whether there were additional request came through and they said no.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Were they caught in the type of a web that Senator Cavanaugh has...

SENATOR MARVEL: I can't answer that.

SENATOR DICKINSON: You can't answer that. Thank you, Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: No, all I can tell you, Senator Dickinson, is that the information we had from our staff, from the Department of Public Institutions, to whom both the regions and we turn, according to law to get information, got whatever information we had and we gave the Department on behalf of the regions what they asked for, which is about \$300,000 more than what the Governor gave.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Apparently someone has approached Senator Cavanaugh with the problem and perhaps others, have these same people approached you or the Committee in regard to this problem or do they choose to take it directly to the floor through other means?

SENATOR MARVEL: Sometimes they choose to do it one way and sometimes they choose to do it another way.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Which did they do in this case? Have they been to your Committee with this request?

SENATOR MARVEL: Directly to our Committee?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: No.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Mahoney, I am not trying to put you...oh, excuse me.

SENATOR MARVEL: Let me say one thing so that...so that I am perfectly clear on this. We receive letters constantly from almost everybody that they are not happy with what they got. I turn those letters over to the staff to analyze. This includes mental health. This includes mental retardation. This includes other areas.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Mahoney, you mentioned the counties, if necessary, raise the mill levies to raise the funds. Do you think that's what ought to happen in Douglas County? I don't know how familiar you are with this whole... I am probably sympathizing with your statement but....

SENATOR MAHONEY: It is not my amendment. I am just saying that there should be some other alternative.

SENATOR DICKINSON: What would that alternative be in Douglas County?

SENATOR MAHONEY: We are probably on the same side on this one, Senator.